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1. [] a directive was recently issued which required all Soviet Army officers to have a PPSH submachine gun in addition to their Nagant Revolvers or Tokarev pistols. 25X1

2. [] the PTRS-41 AT rifle and the Goryunov M-1943 MG. The PTRS-41 AT rifle was organic to an infantry rifle platoon and was served by two men. The Goryunov M-1943 MG was organic to the machine gun platoon of a rifle company and was served by a crew of six men (one sergeant, one corporal, and four privates). 25X1

3. [] transport or tow of weapons 25X1

a. 152-mm. howitzers were towed by tractors []

b. M-13, 132-mm. rocket launchers were mounted on Studebaker trucks [] 25X1

c. Goryunov M-1943 machine guns were transported two at a time on ZIS-5 trucks.

4. [] two new weapons: 25X1

[] a weapon [] called the "SPG". []

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[] a new weapon and [] it resembled an 82-mm. mortar except that it was smaller. The tube was supposedly 50 to 60 cm. long and it could be carried by one man. [] it was a new light mortar, since it was considered artillery

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b.

[] the Soviet government had a weapon which involved the use of cosmic rays. It was claimed [] that the weapon was capable of knocking down an aircraft in flight or cutting a house in half.

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5. [] information on the M-1943, 57-mm. anti-tank guns as follows:

a. These anti-tank guns were towed by Studebaker trucks which stopped well to the rear [] of infantry lines. The guns were then manhandled into position.

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b. Anti-tank guns were to be emplaced just behind the rifle platoon. [] anti-tank crewmen complain that this close proximity to the infantry would force them to abandon their weapons in case the infantry should retreat.

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c.

Comment: All weapons described [] were of standard make []

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